

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 300
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to name the newly constructed bridge across the Obey River branch of Dale Hollow Lake on State Route 42/111 in Pickett County the "L. B. Hassler Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of the General Assembly have seen fit to name certain public highways and bridges to commemorate the accomplishments of those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes worked assiduously to contribute to the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1963 the Eighty-Third General Assembly, by means of House Joint Resolution 14, named the bridge on State Route 42 across the Obey River branch of Dale Hollow Lake the "L. B. Hassler Memorial Bridge" in honor of Landon Bedford Hassler of Pickett County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hassler, who was born in Overton County, Tennessee on August 27, 1877 and moved to Pickett County as a young man, distinguished himself as an estimable public servant in Pickett County and the entire Upper Cumberland region, where he was known to his many friends as "Spike," and

WHEREAS, during his long life of public service he taught in the public schools of Pickett and Overton Counties for some thirty-three years; was chairman of the County Court of Pickett County for eight years; and served astutely as clerk and master of the Chancery Court of Pickett County for twenty-three years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hassler was editor of the *Pickett County News*; Past Master of Byrdstown Lodge No. 496, Free and Accepted Masons; member of the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council of the York Rite; headed the OPA during World War II; and served as chairman of the Red Cross of Pickett County; and

WHEREAS, during his eighty-three years of full and productive life, he also found time to serve as a minister of the Disciples of Christ Church; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has recently constructed a new bridge across the Obey River branch of Dale Hollow Lake on State Route 42/111 in Pickett County, which replaces the bridge on old State Route 42 named for Mr. L. B. Hassler; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the newly constructed bridge spanning the Obey River branch of Dale Hollow Lake on State Route 42/111 in Pickett County is hereby named the "L. B. Hassler Memorial Bridge" to properly honor the memory of this distinguished gentleman and his exemplary record of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "L. B. Hassler Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the presiding officer of the Pickett County Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Hassler's surviving children: Mr. David Hassler, 1455 Hassler Road,

Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549; and Mr. Earley R. Hassler, P.O. Box 55, Byrdstown, Tennessee 38549, with this final clause omitted.